

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] As shown in FIGS. 2A through 2E (numbering in FIG. 1), power base **40** rotates about the SCM to which it is coupled by a pivot at axis **75**. Support **20** is pivotally coupled to the power base rotating about ~~an~~ a support pivot axis 45 that is substantially parallel to the surface. As the power base rotates, support **20** rotates in the opposite direction such that the orientation of the support with respect to the surface remains substantially constant. Footrest Rest 80 is pivotally coupled by rest support pivot point 95 to the support **20**, rotating about an axis that is also parallel to the surface. In a preferred embodiment, a linkage **90** is pivotally coupled to the footrest-rest 80 and the powered lifting arm **42**. The linkage **90** may be slidably moveable. A slidably moveable linkage mechanism is useful for increasing or decreasing the range of the tuck and allowing the footrest to freely swing up and away from the seat about the axis of rest support pivot point 95. The arrangement of the following four points of contact form a four bar linkage: the rest support pivot point **95**, coupling the footrest-rest 80 to the support **20**; the rest linkage pivot point **94**, coupling the linkage **90** to the footrest-rest 80; the lifting arm support pivot point **93**, coupling the powered lifting arm **42** to the support **20**; and the lifting arm linkage pivot point **91**, coupling the linkage **90** to the powered lifting arm **42**. The linkage **90**, as part of the four-bar linkage, allows the rest to transfer some of the load that would otherwise be borne by the rest support pivot point **95** and the support **20**. In other words, if this linkage **90** were not provided, the pivot point attaching the footrest to support **20** would need to be substantially more rugged as is the point of the support at which the pivot is attached, to carry the load. The support and the power base, acting through the linkage, may advantageously serve as a shock absorber for the load on the footrest and support if the wheelchair **10** footrest strikes an object.